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Sevenoaks, Southborough and Tonbridge Joint Health Area

Public Health Office,
214, High Street,
Tonbridge.
6th May, 1957.

To the Sevenoaks, Southborough and Tonbridge
Joint Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for 1956.

The Report is given in its usual form. In the first part of the Report, sections dealing with STAFF, STATISTICS, HEALTH SERVICES, and INFECTIOUS DISEASE are combined to show particulars both for the Joint Health Area and for each District. In the second part of the Report, separate sections are given for each of the five Districts dealing with the SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES of the District, HOUSING and INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD. Separate Reports by the Public Health Inspectors are not given, but the record of their work is incorporated in the Report.

The population as estimated by the Registrar-General for the Joint Health Area for mid-1956 is 103,810, an increase of 1,250 over the mid-1955 figure. The population figures for each District are given on page 10, together with the estimated population for the previous year; as will be noted an increase of population occurred in each District of the Area.

The CRUDE BIRTH RATE (i.e. number of births per 1,000 population) for the Joint Health Area was 13.8 compared with 13.4 for the Area in 1955. The Birth Rate for England and Wales in 1956 was 15.7.

The CRUDE DEATH RATE (i.e. number of deaths per 1,000 population) for the Joint Health Area was 11.5 whereas that for England and Wales was 11.7; in 1955 the Death Rate in the Joint Health Area was 11.4.

In the table of Statistics on page 11, in addition to the Crude Birth and Death Rates for the individual Districts, the Adjusted Birth and Death Rates are also shown. These Adjusted Rates are obtained by multiplying the Crude Rates by the Comparability Factors for the individual Districts supplied by the Registrar-General; the Factor makes allowances for the different sex and age distribution of the population in a particular District, and so allows the Rates better to be compared with one another.

The INFANT MORTALITY RATE (i.e. number of deaths of infants under one year per 1,000 live births) for the Joint Health Area was 20.2 compared with 23.8 for England and Wales, the lowest ever recorded in this country.

No MATERNAL DEATHS occurred in the Joint Area during the year.

Infectious Disease.

The number of cases of notifiable infectious disease is shown for each District on pages 15 to 17. No cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year. No deaths occurred from Whooping Cough, Measles or Scarlet Fever and the incidence of Infectious Disease generally throughout the Area was low during the year.

Acute Poliomyelitis.

During the year, 37 cases of poliomyelitis were notified; nine of these notifications were of patients diagnosed as suffering from poliomyelitis in Hospitals in the Area but admitted from other Districts and two were children of hop-pickers from London.

There were two fatal cases, a woman aged 28 years and a girl of 10 years.

Twenty-two of the notifications were of cases in the Capel parish of Tonbridge Rural District. All were of children, 13 being pupils of Capel Primary School. Because of the outbreak this School was closed from the 15th October until the 19th November and pupils from Capel parish attending other Schools were excluded from the 23rd October until the 19th November.

Only one of the cases had been vaccinated against poliomyelitis, a boy aged five years, who made a complete recovery.

During the anxious period of the outbreak most helpful co-operation was received from the parents of children and doctors concerned, the Headmaster of the School and the County Medical Officer and Divisional Education Officer and their staffs.

The number of cases and deaths which occurred in the Area from 1947, when the disease first became prevalent, is as follows:—

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Total cases	36	13	35	21	15	11	7	2	12	28
Total deaths	2	1	3	1	1	1	—	—	2	2

Tuberculosis.

In 1956, 27 new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and 8 new cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified. During the year there were five deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis and none from non-pulmonary tuberculosis. The figures for individual Districts are given on page 18.

The occurrence of new cases and death in the Area during the last five years is shown in the following table. It is most satisfactory to note the progressive fall both in new cases and deaths.

New cases in Area:—					1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	67	61	54	46	27
Non-Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	24	8	14	7	8
Deaths in Area:—					1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	14	13	10	7	5
Non-Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	2	1	—	—	—

Food Hygiene.

The Food and Drugs Act, 1955, an important consolidating Act, and the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, came into operation on 1st

January, 1956. The Regulations modify and extend previous Food Hygiene Regulations. Certain provisions did not come into operation until the 1st July, 1956. The introduction of the new Regulations has necessitated a survey of the Food Premises in the Area and has added considerably to the work of the Public Health Inspectors. Reference is made to this work in the Inspection and Supervision of Food sections of the various Districts and the work is actively proceeding.

Slaughterhouses.

Details of the number of slaughterhouses licensed and the carcases inspected are given in the Inspection and Supervision of Food sections of each District. The large number of inspections undertaken in the four Districts in which slaughterhouses are operating is shown in the tables.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949: Section 20. (Under this section a Medical Officer of Health may prohibit milk from being used for human consumption or require it to be treated before being used, if this appears to him to be necessary to prevent the spread of disease.)

No action was necessary under this Section during the year.

National Assistance Act, 1948: Section 47. (Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.)

I am glad to report that it was not found necessary during the year to apply for any Removal Orders under this section.

Legislation.

A list of the new Acts and Regulations affecting the Public Health Department which came into operation during the year, are given on page 14.

Kent Water Act, 1955.

The Kent Water Act, 1955, came into operation on the 1st April, 1956. For the purpose of this Act the County has been divided into Areas and the Water Undertakings formerly operated by certain of the District Councils in the Joint Health Area fall within the Tunbridge Wells Area and the Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Area defined in the Act.

The Sanitary Inspector (Change of Designation) Act, 1956.

By this Act the important members of Public Health Departments formerly known as "Sanitary Inspectors" are now designated "Public Health Inspectors," this change of designation which was overdue reflects the greatly increased scope of the work of the Inspectors.

I take this opportunity of again recording my thanks to the Members and Officials of the District Councils, the Medical Practitioners of the Area, the staff of the County Health Department and my own staff for their valuable co-operation during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. CRAWFORD,
Medical Officer of Health.

SEVENOAKS, SOUTHBOROUGH AND TONBRIDGE JOINT HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1956-57

Chairman:

Mrs. E. S. VINER, Sevenoaks U.D. Council.

Members:

Mr. F. W. DOVE	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. W. J. SMALL	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mrs. A. WATERS	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mrs. M. JERWOOD	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. W. V. GILBERT-JOHNS	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. C. E. CLARKE	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. H. E. HALL, J.P.	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mrs. M. MORLAND, J.P.	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. C. B. HOLLANDS, J.P.	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
W/Commander J. O. DAVIS	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Dr. C. D. HOPKINS	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. R. J. KEW	...	...	...	...	Southborough U.D. Council
Mrs. M. E. MIDDLETON	...	...	...	...	Southborough U.D. Council
Lt.-Col. H. R. H. ROUQUETTE, M.C.	...	...	...	...	Southborough U.D. Council

Clerk: Mr. B. LEE, Tonbridge R.D. Council.

CHAIRMEN, CLERKS AND SURVEYORS OF THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICT COUNCILS, 1956-57

Mr. D. R. BLUNDELL, M.C., J.P., Chairman	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. B. H. EDWARDS, Clerk	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. N. W. COLE, Engineer & Surveyor	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. R. ROBINSON, J.P., Chairman	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. A. C. THWAITES, Clerk	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. H. E. PHILLIPS, Engineer and Surveyor	...	...	...	...	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. W. T. CATER, J.P., Chairman	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. B. LEE, Clerk	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. W. N. MILLER, M.B.E., Engineer and Surveyor	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. C. B. HOLLANDS, J.P., Chairman	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. S. J. THORNE, Clerk	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. B. BISHOP, Engineer and Surveyor	...	...	...	...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. EBENEZER BRIDGELAND, J.P., Chairman	...	...	...	...	Southborough U.D. Council
Mr. J. R. NICHOLSON, Clerk	...	...	...	...	Southborough U.D. Council
Mr. T. A. SCOTT, Surveyor and Public Health Inspector	...	...	...	...	Southborough U.D. Council

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

J. W. CRAWFORD, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

A. CAMERON, M.D., Ch.B.

CLERICAL STAFF:

Chief Clerk: Mrs. S. C. Downs.

Shorthand-Typist: Miss C. J. Hibbert.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS:

Sevenoaks Rural District.

E. J. A. Bettle, M.R.San.I., M.R.I.P.H., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Public Health Inspector (also Cleansing Officer).

A. D. Lofts, M.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Additional Public Health Inspector.

R. H. Terry, M.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Additional Public Health Inspector.

C. T. S. Young, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Additional Public Health Inspector.

F. P. C. Cage, Temporary General Assistant Public Health
Inspector.

Sevenoaks Urban District.

W. J. Gypps, C.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Public Health Inspector.

A. E. Williams, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jnt.Bd., Cert. Meat and Other
Additional Public Health Inspector. [Foods.]

Tonbridge Rural District.

W. J. Davies, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Public Health Inspector.

E. J. Griffiths, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jnt.Bd., Cert. Meat and Other
Additional Public Health Inspector. [Foods.]

Tonbridge Urban District.

J. H. Elphick, A.R.San.I., M.R.I.P.H., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Public Health Inspector.

F. H. Piggott, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jnt.Bd., Cert. Meat & Other Foods.
Additional Public Health Inspector.

Southborough Urban District.

T. A. Scott, C.R.S.I., Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

R. G. Wheeler, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Technical Assistant to Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Seven- oaks R.D.	Seven- oaks U.D.	Ton- bridge R.D.	Ton- bridge U.D.	South- borough U.D.	Joint Health Area
Area (in acres)	62,951	3,728	41,687	4,599	1,759	114,724
Home Population (R.G's estimate mid- 1956)	35,170	16,380	23,110	20,270	8,880	103,810
Estimated Home population, mid-1955	34,490	16,290	22,930	19,990	8,860	102,560
No. of inhabited houses (end of 1956) accord- ing to Rate Book . .	10,742	4,986	7,236	6,427	3,063	32,454
Rateable Value	£424,604	£309,973	£262,149	£307,584	£110,362	£1,414,672
Sum represented by a penny rate	£1,720	£1,254	£1,028	£1,200	£445	—

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1956.

		Seven-oaks R.D.	Seven-oaks U.D.	Ton-bridge R.D.	Ton-bridge U.D.	South-borough U.D.	Joint Health Area
LIVE BIRTHS	Legitimate : Male .	251	113	144	137	55	700
	Female	241	96	143	154	50	684
	Total .	492	209	287	291	105	1,384
	Illegitimate: Male .	8	4	10	6	1	29
	Female	8	3	9	1	1	22
	Total .	16	7	19	7	2	51
TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS		508	216	306	298	107	1,435
CRUDE BIRTH RATE per 1,000 estimated home population, 1956		14.44	13.19	13.24	14.70	12.05	13.78
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General		1.08	1.06	0.99	1.04	1.15	—
ADJUSTED BIRTH RATE		15.59	13.98	13.10	15.28	13.85	—
STILL BIRTHS	Legitimate : Male .	5	3	4	2	2	16
	Female	2	6	5	4	—	17
	Total .	7	9	9	6	2	33
	Illegitimate: Male .	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Female	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total .	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL STILL BIRTHS		7	9	9	6	2	33
STILL-BIRTH RATE per 1,000 (live and still) births		13.60	40.00	28.60	20.00	20.00	22.50
DEATHS	Male	173	99	136	118	58	584
	Female	193	117	117	126	53	606
	Total	366	216	253	244	111	1,190
CRUDE DEATH RATE per 1,000 estimated home population, 1956		10.41	13.20	10.95	12.04	12.50	11.46
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General		0.90	0.82	0.91	0.91	0.78	—
ADJUSTED DEATH RATE		9.36	10.82	9.96	10.95	9.75	—
MATERNAL MORTALITY		—	—	—	—	—	—
RATE per 1,000 total (live and still) births		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
INFANTILE MORTALITY	Male	1	1	6	3	—	11
	Female	8	1	4	5	—	18
	Total	9	2	10	8	—	29
DEATH RATE under one year of age :							
All infants per 1,000 live births		17.71	9.26	32.68	27.00	0.00	20.21
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		18.30	9.57	34.84	27.50	0.00	20.95
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Death Rate for Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years)		1.97	4.63	3.27 0.00	3.35	0.00	2.78 2.09

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages).
(Supplied by the Registrar-General)

Causes of Death	Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Tuberculosis, respiratory ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	1	3	2
Tuberculosis, other ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Syphilitic Disease ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	2
Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meningococcal infections ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Measles ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	3	2	3	1	2	2	1	3	...	1	9	9
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	12	2	6	2	4	1	6	1	7	...	35	6
Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	...	5	...	6	...	5	1	9	...	1	1	26
Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	...	2	...	4	...	2	...	3	...	3	...	14
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	25	23	15	13	13	12	13	13	4	4	70	65
Leukaemia, aleukaemia ...	1	2	...	...	...	1	2	3	...	...	3	6
Diabetes ...	1	...	...	2	...	2	1	2	...	...	2	6
Vascular lesions of nervous system	16	35	5	20	14	16	15	22	10	11	60	104
Coronary disease, angina ...	23	21	24	12	30	19	24	14	5	8	106	74
Hypertension with heart disease ...	7	3	1	3	3	1	4	2	2	1	17	10
Other heart diseases ...	16	15	6	14	21	19	7	11	9	9	59	68
Other circulatory diseases ...	8	13	7	7	4	7	5	6	2	4	26	37
Influenza ...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	3	1
Pneumonia ...	14	13	5	14	5	7	11	9	1	...	36	43
Bronchitis ...	10	2	9	2	2	1	3	3	4	2	28	10
Other Respiratory Diseases ...	2	2	1	3	6	2	3	...	2	1	14	8
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum ...	7	1	3	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	15	1
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea ...	1	1	2	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	5	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	...	3	...	...	1	1	3	1	...	...	4	5
Hyperplasia of prostate ...	1	...	2	...	1	...	4	...	2	...	10	...
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Congenital Malformations ...	...	3	...	...	1	...	2	1	...	...	3	4
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	13	35	7	11	13	12	4	16	5	4	42	78
Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	5	1	1	...	3	1	...	...	1	...	10	2
All Other Accidents ...	4	8	1	1	3	2	2	4	1	2	11	15
Suicide ...	4	...	...	1	5	1	...	1	...	...	9	3
Homicide and Operations of War	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...
Totals	173	193	99	117	136	117	118	126	58	53	584	600

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Department.

The staff of the Public Health Department is given on page 9.

Laboratory Service.

The Public Health Laboratory for the Area is now situated at Preston Hall, near Maidstone. The staff, under the direction of Dr. J. H. C. Walker, were most co-operative during the year.

Treatment of Scabies and Verminous Conditions.

No cases of the above were treated at the Cleansing Centre, Baltic Road, Tonbridge, during the year 1956.

Hospitals.

The Hospital Management Committees of the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board covering the Hospitals in the Area are given below:—

Tunbridge Wells Hospital Management Committee:

Secretary—E. A. Wagstaff, F.H.A.,

Sherwood Park, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Tel. Tunbridge Wells 3444.

Pembury Hospital.

Queen Victoria Cottage Hospital, Tonbridge.

Capel Hospital, Nr. Tonbridge.

David Salomon's House, Southborough.

Edenbridge and District War Memorial Hospital.

Orpington and Sevenoaks Hospital Management Committee:

Secretary—L. G. Bain, F.C.I.S., A.H.A.,

Orpington Hospital, Orpington, Kent.

Tel. Orpington 27050.

Sevenoaks Hospital.

Oak Lane Hospital, Sevenoaks.

Cheyne and Hip Hospital for Children, Sevenoaks.

Sundridge Hospital.

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES.

(Sections 187 to 194 of the Public Health Act, 1936.)

DISTRICT	Homes first registered during year 1956	Homes on Register at end of 1956	Number of beds provided :		
			Maternity	Others	Total
Sevenoaks R.D. .	1	2	—	42	42
Sevenoaks U.D. .	—	2	7	17	24
Tonbridge R.D. .	—	2	—	19	19
Tonbridge U.D. .	—	1	9	3	12
Southborough U.D.	—	2	8	12	20
TOTAL .	1	9	24	93	117

LEGISLATION.

The following Acts, Orders and Regulations affecting the Department came into operation during the year:—

	Date
Food and Drugs Act, 1955	1/1/56
Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955	1/1/56
The Food Hygiene Amendment (No. 1) Regulations, 1956	30/6/56
The Food Hygiene Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1956	31/12/56
The Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) Order, 1956	10/4/56
The Milk and Dairies Regulations—approved Oxidising and Preservative Agents	8/6/56
Slum Clearance (Compensation) Act, 1956	2/8/56
Housing Subsidies Act, 1956	July, 1956
The Sanitary Inspector (Change of Designation) Act, 1956	2/8/56
Kent Water Act, 1955	1/4/56
Clean Air Act, 1956	31/12/56

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The number of cases of notifiable Infectious Disease occurring in the respective Districts of the Area are shown in the following tables:—

SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT

DISEASE	AGE-PERIODS												Total cases notified	Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever .	-	-	-	1	3	11	2	-	1	-	-	-	18	1	-
Poliomyelitis, Paralytic .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	-
Paratyphoid Fever. .	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Meningococcal Infection .	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Pneumonia (Ac., prim. & Infl.)	1	1	1	1	2	6	1	-	5	4	11	28	61	7	2
Erysipelas .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	3	7	14	3	-
Puerperal Pyrexia .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
Dysentery .	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	1	2	-	-	8	-	-
Malaria .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-
Measles. .	2	8	8	8	11	32	5	2	2	1	-	-	79	-	-
Whooping Cough .	11	16	12	21	20	74	11	2	1	1	2	-	171	-	-
Food Poisoning .	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	6	-	-

SEVENOAKS URBAN DISTRICT

DISEASE	AGE-PERIODS												Total cases notified	Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over			
Poliomyelitis, Paralytic .	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Acute Encephalitis .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
Pneumonia (Ac., prim. & Infl.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2	5	-	-
Measles .	1	3	5	5	-	8	-	-	1	-	-	-	23	-	-
Whooping Cough .	-	2	3	4	4	8	-	-	2	-	2	-	25	-	-

TONBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT

DISEASE	AGE-PERIODS										Total cases notified	Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths		
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45				45-65	65 and over
Scarlet Fever . . .	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	1	1	1	-	-	9	4	-
Poliomyelitis, Paralytic . . .	1	-	1	1	2	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	15	14	1
" Non-Paralytic . . .	-	-	-	2	2	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	15	15	-
Pneumonia (Ac., prim. & Infl.) . . .	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	3	4	4	14	-	-
Erysipelas . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	2	6	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	-
Dysentery . . .	-	-	-	3	1	2	2	3	-	1	1	-	13	2	-
Measles . . .	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
Whooping Cough . . .	5	5	7	11	13	70	3	-	-	1	1	-	116	-	-

TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

DISEASE	AGE-PERIODS												Total cases notified	Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever a . . .	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	6	-	-
Poliomyelitis Paralytic . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
” Non-Paralytic. . .	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Pneumonia (Ac., Prim. & Infl.) . . .	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	3	1
Dysentery . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-
Measles . . .	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Whooping Cough . . .	6	13	3	9	8	21	1	-	1	-	-	-	62	5	-

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following table gives the total number of new cases notified and the number of deaths registered during the year 1956 in the respective Districts:—

AGE-PERIODS	NEW CASES										DEATHS									
	PULMONARY					Non-PULMONARY					PULMONARY					Non-PULMONARY				
	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Southborough U.D.
	M	F	M	F	M	M	F	M	F	M	M	F	M	F	M	M	F	M	F	M
0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and up	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5	4	2	-	2	5	3	4	1	1	3	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	6	6	2	2	8	8	8	5	5	1	3	3	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

The following table shows the number of new cases of tuberculosis and deaths from tuberculosis in each of the five Districts for the last five years:—

YEAR	NEW CASES										DEATHS																					
	Sevenoaks					Tonbridge					Southborough					Sevenoaks					Tonbridge					Southborough						
	Sevenoaks					Tonbridge					Tonbridge					Sevenoaks					Tonbridge					Tonbridge						
R.D.	U.D.	Sevenoaks	R.D.	U.D.	Sevenoaks	R.D.	U.D.	Sevenoaks	R.D.	U.D.	Sevenoaks	R.D.	U.D.	Sevenoaks	R.D.	U.D.	Sevenoaks	R.D.	U.D.	Sevenoaks	R.D.	U.D.	Sevenoaks	R.D.	U.D.	Sevenoaks	R.D.	U.D.	Sevenoaks			
PULMONARY																																
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
1952	10	9	3	4	11	7	9	4	8	2	7	6	2	2	1	1	1	3	3	5	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	
1953	12	8	3	3	9	7	9	4	4	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	3	1	1	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	
1954	9	6	7	2	5	3	11	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	3	3	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	
1955	4	7	2	4	10	4	6	5	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	
1956	5	1	4	2	—	2	5	3	4	1	1	—	3	—	1	1	1	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The following figures, kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer show the number of children immunised against diphtheria during the year ended 31st December, 1956:—

District	Year of Birth		1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	Total
Sevenoaks Rural	Primary inoculations	30	259	49	13	3	9	9	4	5	5	9	3	4	5	—	—	407
	Reinforcing inoculations	—	—	—	—	9	120	87	7	22	80	78	10	2	5	—	—	420
Sevenoaks Urban	Primary inoculations	19	128	22	6	4	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	185
	Reinforcing inoculations	—	—	—	5	7	71	49	15	11	86	18	4	2	1	1	—	270
Tonbridge Rural	Primary inoculations	13	170	29	9	2	8	9	6	10	11	15	3	2	1	—	—	288
	Reinforcing inoculations	—	—	—	—	6	82	70	36	32	71	50	24	28	27	1	—	427
Tonbridge Urban	Primary inoculations	6	148	43	2	1	7	3	1	—	10	2	—	—	—	1	—	224
	Reinforcing inoculations	—	—	—	—	2	72	28	1	5	173	7	3	1	1	—	—	293
Southborough Urban	Primary inoculations	10	55	18	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	88
	Reinforcing inoculations	—	—	—	—	6	36	9	2	2	3	3	1	—	—	—	—	62

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX.

The following figures, kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer, show the number of children vaccinated against smallpox during the year ended 31st December, 1956:—

District	Year of Birth	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	Before 1942	Total
		Primary Vaccination	Primary Vaccination	Primary Vaccination	Primary Vaccination	Primary Vaccination	Primary Vaccination	Primary Vaccination	Primary Vaccination	Primary Vaccination	Primary Vaccination	Primary Vaccination	Primary Vaccination	Primary Vaccination	Primary Vaccination	Primary Vaccination		
Sevenoaks Rural	Primary Vaccination	192	138	14	7	—	1	1	2	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	19	377
	Re-vaccination	1	1	—	1	3	1	1	2	2	7	—	2	2	2	1	78	104
Sevenoaks Urban	Primary Vaccination	100	52	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	5	166
	Re-vaccination	—	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	—	2	3	—	1	2	—	46	63
Tonbridge Rural	Primary Vaccination	77	70	3	1	4	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	162
	Re-vaccination	—	—	1	—	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	29	37
Tonbridge Urban	Primary Vaccination	77	75	2	1	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	11	172
	Re-vaccination	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	7	9
Southborough Urban	Primary Vaccination	26	17	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	47
	Re-vaccination	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	20

SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Main water supplies during the year were sufficient and satisfactory.

The results of samples taken during the year were as follows:—

				Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	87	4
	Chemical	...	...	—	—
Raw water:	Bacteriological (piped)	...		12	11
	Bacteriological (not piped)			7	17
	Chemical (piped)	...	...	8	4
	Chemical (not piped)	...		6	6

Approximately 95% of dwelling houses in Sevenoaks Rural District are supplied by public mains and are shown under the various parishes:—

Name of Parish.					Proportion direct to houses	Proportion by means of stand pipes		
Brasted	...	...	...	...	95.05 %	...	...	.23 %
Chevening	...	...	...	...	86.96 %	...	...	1.11 %
Chiddingstone	...	...	...	...	86.13 %	...	...	.66 %
Cowden	...	...	...	...	91.52 %	...	...	.42 %
Dunton Green	...	...	...	...	99.21 %	...	...	.23 %
Edenbridge	...	...	...	...	97.69 %	...	...	1.15 %
Halstead	...	...	...	...	96.41 %	...	...	1.49 %
Hever	...	...	...	...	88.21 %	...	...	1.01 %
Kemsing	...	...	...	...	98.13 %	...	...	.71 %
Leigh	...	...	...	...	97.92 %	...	...	—
Otford	...	...	...	...	98.79 %	...	...	.76 %
Penshurst	...	...	...	...	88.87 %	...	...	.61 %
Riverhead	...	...	...	...	98.48 %	...	...	—
Seal	...	...	...	...	96.44 %	...	...	.32 %
Sevenoaks Weald	...	...	...	...	95.34 %	...	...	2.99 %
Shoreham	...	...	...	...	85.31 %	...	...	7.14 %
Sundridge	...	...	...	...	87.48 %	...	...	7.56 %
Westerham	...	...	...	...	91.83 %	...	...	1.63 %

The use of standpipes serving three cottages was discontinued and three premises where the supply was situated in outhouses were supplied with water inside the premises.

In one area which lacks main water, a borehole was sunk and a satisfactory supply obtained.

Six premises previously dependent upon springs and wells were connected to the main supply.

Various improvements were carried out by Water Companies and Undertakings during the year.

The East Surrey Water Company started the construction of a 250,000 gallon service reservoir at Mark Beech, Cowden, in order to strengthen the water supplies in that Area.

The Mid Kent Water Company brought a new filtration plant at Trosley Pumping Station into commission with improvement in the quality of the water.

The Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells Water Undertaking improved the supply to the Bottle House reservoir at Penshurst by scraping and relining the existing 3 inch main from Fordcombe Green.

Mains extensions carried out during the year were as follows:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company
(within Company's Statutory Area)

5 yards 6 inch dia. main	...	...	Lyndhurst Drive, Riverhead.
182 yards 4 inch dia. main	...	...	Lyndhurst Drive, Riverhead.
217 yards 3 inch dia. main	...	...	The Close, Lyndhurst Drive, Riverhead.
98 yards 3 inch dia. main	...	...	Jones & Harvey Estate, Chipstead.
331 yards 3 inch dia. main	...	...	Mount Pleasant, The Weald.
208 yards 4 inch dia. main	...	...	The Old Walk and The Butts, Otford.
6 yards 3 inch dia. main (part)	...		Green Lane Close, Leigh.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

Edenbridge Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

During the year the first stage of the improvement to the sewerage facilities at Edenbridge was completed. This consisted of the laying of approximately half a mile of 24" diameter sewer to extend the main outfall to the site of a new pumping station which has been constructed near Skinners Farm. The effect of this will be that the storm overflows can be sealed off and the whole of the sewage pumped to the sewage treatment works. The cost of this work is approximately £50,000.

The second stage, that of the construction of the sewage treatment works, has commenced and should be completed in eighteen months. In the meantime the sewage will continue to be treated by the existing settlement tank and land treatment method. The new works, when completed, will consist of two circular settling tanks, eight filters, two humus tanks and recirculating pumping station and will be capable of dealing with a total of 538,000 gallons per day which will allow for the new London County Council Out-County Estate to be built at Edenbridge as well as a small increase in private development. The cost of the treatment works is approximately £130,000.

The following sewers were laid for the development of Council Estates:—

Cowden	...	...	...	...	...	80 lin. yards of 4 inch dia.
Sevenoaks Weald	...	...	...	...	...	124 lin. yards of 6 inch dia.
Mount Pleasant Road	...	...	...	...	...	135 lin. yards of 4 inch dia.
Hever—Four Elms	...	...	...	...	...	91 lin. yards of 4 inch dia.

Sewers laid by the Council for the drainage of existing properties:—

Halstead—Otford Lane	...	...	...	332 lin. yards of 6 inch dia.
Church Road	...	...	...	297 lin. yards of 6 inch dia.

Sewers laid by Private Developers:—

Edenbridge—Penlee Close	...	...	...	248 lin. yards of 6 inch dia.
Chevening—Alongside	...	...	...	365 lin. yards of 9 inch dia.
Obelisk Wood	...	...	...	176 lin. yards of 6 inch dia.
Leigh—Green Lane Close	...	...	...	30 lin. yards of 4 inch dia.
				80 lin. yards of 6 inch dia.
Otford—The Old Walk and The Butts	...	...	...	263 lin. yards of 6 inch dia.
Riverhead—Marlborough Crescent	...	...	...	70 lin. yards of 4 inch dia.
Lyndhurst Drive	...	...	...	250 lin. yards of 6 inch dia.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

A new tip for the southern part of the area was brought into use during the year.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	...	...	...	515
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	...	...	...	...	...	8,754
Informal Notices: Served	...	...	...	...	...	262
Complied with	...	...	...	...	...	188
Statutory Notices: Served	...	...	...	...	...	20
Complied with:						
(a) By owners	...	...	...	...	...	13
(b) By Local Authority in default	...	...	...	...	...	2
Legal proceedings taken	...	...	...	...	...	2

An unusual complaint of the smell of benzine from a factory in the District was received during the year. Helpful advice was given by the District Inspector of the Alkali and Works Division of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and a satisfactory solution was found by utilising an existing tall chimney.

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Public Health Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,785
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	404
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Hop-pickers' Camps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
Knackers' Yards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	197
Shop Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	202
Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	293
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Ice-cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	194
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	739
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	630
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63
Cafés, restaurants, canteens, hotel kitchens, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	350
Food Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Other Food Preparing Places	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	239
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,333

Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Number of huts in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	155
Tents, Caravans and Farm Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	495
Number of new huts erected during 1956	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1956	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
The standard maintained at the camps was generally satisfactory. Rain water is supplied to all camps. One mechanical picker is in use.									

Disinfestation.

Infestations were dealt with as follows:—

Flies 6; Beetles 5; Fleas 5; Ants 3; Cockroaches 3; Wasps 13; Bees 2; Mosquitos 2; Bugs 1; Maggots 1; Earwigs 1.

Rats and Mice Destruction.

Number of complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	256
Number of visits by Rodent Operator	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,668
Infestations found and treated:—									
Rats—Major	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	167
Minor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	109
Mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	106

Sewer treatment was carried out in April and October/November.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	30	30	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	147	167	3	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	177	197	4	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	—	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	2	1	—	2	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	2	1	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	1	—	—	—
Total	4	4	—	4	—

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out workers in August lis required by Section 110 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	4	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper.	2	—	—	—	—	—
Lampshades	2	—	—	—	—	—
Total	8	—	—	—	—	—

SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RETURNS MADE BY COUNCIL TO THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere.
Year ended 31st December, 1956.

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

In Clearance Areas (Housing Act 1936, and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954).	HOUSES DEMOLISHED	DISPLACED During Year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation ...	...	...	...
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc. ... ..	...	...	...
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 27, Housing Act, 1936 ... ..	...	...	...
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936	12	33	7

B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED.

	Number		
(5) Under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936 and Sections 10 (1) and 11 (2), Local Government (Misc. Prov.) Act, 1953	11	13	5
(6) Under Sections 3 (1) and 3 (2), Housing Act, 1949 ... ..	...	.....	...
(7) Parts of buildings closed under Section 12, Housing Act, 1936 ... ..	..	...	...

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(8) After informal action by Local Authority	73	...
(9) After formal notice under:		
(a) Public Health Acts	1	2
(b) Housing Act, 1936 ... ..	...	...
(10) Under Section 5, Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 ... ..	...	...

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954).

Position at end of year	Number of Houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
(11) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) Under Section 2
(b) Under Section 3
(c) Under Section 4
(12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 6

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT.

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in column (1) (2)
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the year

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (HOUSING ACT, 1949):—

Number of applications for Improvements and Conversions approved	72
Total approved costs	£43,102
Total approved grants	£19,288

POST-WAR HOUSING (Position at 31st December, 1956):—

	Completed.	Under construction.
Council—Permanent	1,042	36
Temporary	127	—
Housing Association	13	2
Private—Permanent	692	105

CAMPS. (Temporary Housing)

The number of huts occupied in hutted camps in the District at the 31st December, 1956, was as follows:—

Foxbury, Stone Street	4
Other Huts	2

CARAVANS.

(a) Number of applications received for sites to be licensed for use by movable dwellings	Nil
Number of site licences already granted	21
Total number of caravans allowed on these sites	150
(b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use movable dwellings	45
Number of Licences granted	45

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

Number of registered distributors	21
Number of registered dairies (retail)	7
Number of licences granted:—	

(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:

(a) Dealers	12
(b) Supplementary	13

(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949:

(a) Dealers	16
(b) Supplementary	21

One new dairy was constructed during the year.

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Tuberculin Tested"	20	2
"Pasteurised"	6	1
Sterilised	1	1

Seventeen samples of Tuberculin Tested milk were taken for biological investigation; none showed evidence of tuberculosis.

2. Ice-Cream.

Number of premises registered:

(a) For the manufacture and sale of ice-cream	1
(b) For the sale of ice-cream	122

Results of samples taken:

Grade I	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70
Grade II	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Grade III	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Grade IV	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-

Manufacture of ice-cream from “ Cold Mix ” is carried out in one instance. The remainder of the registered premises deal in proprietary brands only. The standard of samples submitted for examination remained satisfactory.

3. Slaughterhouses.

Number in District 9
100% inspection of animals slaughtered was carried out during the year.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	312	51	246	1800	1790	...
Number inspected	312	51	246	1800	1790	...
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcasses condemned .....	...	...	3	3	2	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	95	23	...	46	119	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	3.44 %	45.09 %	1 21 %	2.72 %	6.75 %	...
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	12	3	...	...	26	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber- culosis	3.84 %	5.88 %	...	...	1.45 %	...
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrig- eration .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Generalised and totally condemned...	...	...	...	...	...	...

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District	No. of Visits	No. of faults and defects found	No. of faults and defects remedied
Cafés, restaurants and canteens, including public houses	151	350	57	29
Bakehouses	12	61	2	3
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 16 Food and Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream)	40	194	11	6
Food Stalls and Vehicles	14	63
Food Factories	2	29	2	2
Other Food Shops	189	630	27	6

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A detailed survey of premises to which the Food Hygiene Regulations apply was in progress during the year.

Forty-seven Informal Notices were served and much time spent by the Inspectors with owners and occupiers discussing and advising on the implications of the Regulations. During visits to food premises the opportunity is taken to impress on food handlers the importance of good hygiene.

A lecture was also given to a Trade Organisation on Food Hygiene.

A modern canteen for the use of employees of a large factory was constructed and brought into use.

5. Unsound Food.

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption was as follows:—

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat	2	13	1	23	12
Other food (including tinned food)	—	8	—	—	8½
	3	1	1	24	4½

All condemned meat is sprayed with dye and collected for conversion to fertilisers, etc.

6. Food Poisoning.

Six cases of food poisoning were notified during the year, two households had three cases each. No pathogens were found and the cause was not determined.

SEVENOAKS URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

The water supplied to the District during the year was satisfactory. Samples taken by the Public Health Inspector were reported upon as follows:—

				Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	6	—
	Chemical	...	...	—	—
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	...	3	—

All the houses in the District are now on mains supply.

The following new mains were laid during the year:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company

(Within Company's Statutory Area).

182 yards of 6 inch dia. main Brattle Wood, White Hart Estate.

448 yards of 3 inch dia. main

replacing old 2 inch main Mount Harry Road, and Woodside Road

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

No important changes were effected during the year and no new sewerage disposal works were constructed.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

The same method of collection and disposal of refuse as used last year was employed.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	20
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	...	...	5,38
Informal Notices: Served	...	...	13
Complied with, including certain notices served during end of 1955	...	...	16
Statutory Notices: Served	...	...	...
Complied with:			
(a) By owners, including notice served at end of 1955	...	...	N
(b) By Local Authority in default	...	...	N
Legal proceedings taken	...	...	...

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Public Health Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	...	...	...	56
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	...	54
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...
Hop-pickers' Camps	...	...	...	...
Factory Acts	...	...	...	25

Shop Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	659
Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	211
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90
Ice-cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	189
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	494
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	83
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	584
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	115
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchen, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	510
Other Food Preparing Places	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	134
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	625
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	287

5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District (on same farm)	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of huts in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	84
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Number of new huts erected during 1956	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1956	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

Galvanised iron huts on concrete bases are provided for the pickers and main water from Company's mains is laid on. Cookhouse accommodation is available and refuse receptacles provided. Closet accommodation is provided by means of Elsan closets. Camp supervision is good.

During the season more local pickers were employed than in previous years, although many of the regular families came down for the season.

6. Disinfestation.

The Council's Refuse Tip in Otford Road has been kept under close supervision and, in conjunction with the Surveyor's Department, three treatments were carried out to eliminate crickets.

During the year four premises were treated by the Public Health Department for the elimination of flies, etc.

7. Rats and Mice Destruction.

In addition to the inspections carried out by the Public Health Inspectors the Rodent Operator made a total of 2,174 visits and carried out 303 treatments.

It is interesting to record that the business premises in the area are comparatively free of rats and mice. Only minor infestations have been discovered during the year.

The soil sewers in the area are kept under observation and half-yearly treatments carried out.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.
Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	32	28	3	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	75	224	8	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	107	252	11	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	7	6	—	1	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	3	3	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	1	—	—	—
Total	11	10	—	1	—

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Number of Outworkers ... Nil

SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RETURNS MADE BY COUNCIL TO THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere.
Year ended 31st December, 1956.

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

In Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1936, and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954)	HOUSES DEMOLISHED	DISPLACED During Year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation ...	...	...	...
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc. ...	...	...	...
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 27, Housing Act, 1936 ...	...	...	...
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal pro- cedure under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936 ...	...	...	...
B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED.			
	Number		
(5) Under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936 and Sections 10 (1) and 11 (2), Local Government (Misc. Prov.) Act, 1953	1	5	1
(6) Under Sections 3 (1) and 3 (2), Housing Act, 1949 ...	...	...	...
(7) Parts of buildings closed under Sec- tion 12, Housing Act, 1936 ...	...	...	...

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(8) After informal action by Local Authority ...	59	...
(9) After formal notice under: (a) Public Health Acts ...	4	...
(b) Housing Act, 1936 ...	...	...
(10) Under Section 5, Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 ...	...	...

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954).

Position at end of year	Number of Houses	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1)
	(1)	(2)
(11) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) Under Section 2 ... ..	...	...
(b) Under Section 3 ... ..	...	...
(c) Under Section 4 ... ..	...	...
(12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 6 ... ..	...	...

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT.

	Number of Houses	Number of occupants of houses in column (1)
	(1)	(2)
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the year ...	...	...

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (HOUSING ACT, 1949):—

Number of applications for Improvements and Conversions approved	1
Total approved costs	£6,99
Total approved grants	£3,07

POST-WAR HOUSING. (Position at 31st December, 1956.)

	Completed.	Under construction
Council—Permanent	549	14
Temporary	—	—
Private—Permanent	487	40

CARAVANS.

(a) No. of applications received for sites to be licensed for use by movable dwellings	N
No. of licences granted	N
Total number of caravans allowed on these sites ...	N
(b) No. of applications received for licences to station and use movable dwellings	
No. of licences granted	

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.**1. Milk Supplies.**

Number of registered distributors	8
Number of registered dairies (3 retail and 1 wholesale and retail)	4
Number of licences granted:	
(1) Milk Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:	
(a) Dealers	4
(b) Supplementary	3
(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949:	
(a) Dealers	6
(b) Supplementary	6

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Tuberculin Tested"	21	3
"Pasteurised"	16	—
Sterilised	2	—

Seven samples of Tuberculin Tested Raw milk were submitted for biological examination for tuberculosis with negative results.

2. Ice-cream.

Number of premises registered:

(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream	Nil
(b) For the sale of ice-cream	38

3. Slaughterhouses.

Number in District	2
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CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	593	49	210	980	1389	...
Number inspected	593	49	210	980	1389	...
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcasses condemned .....	...	...	2	...	...	...
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	172	16	...	11	51	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	29 %	32.65 %	.95 %	1.12 %	3.67 %	...
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	...	...	...	1	...
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	31	7	...	...	18	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber- culosis	5.39 %	14.28 %	...	...	1.36 %	...
Cysticercosis:						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	...	...	...	...	...
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrig- eration	2	...	...	...	...	...
Generalised and totally condemned...	...	...	...	...	...	...

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District	No. of Visits	No. of faults and defects found	No. of faults and defects remedied
Cafés, restaurants and canteens ...	96	510	20	20
Bakehouses	9	83	5	5
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 16 Food and Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream)	23	134	1	1
Food Stalls and Vehicles	8	115	1	1
Other Food Shops:				
Bakers	12	101	3	3
Butchers	10	118	...	...
Confectioners	25	107	2	2
Fishmongers	6	63	...	...
Grocers	32	129	3	3
Greengrocers	15	42	...	...
Delicatessen	1	8	1	1
Animal Food	1	16	...	...
	238			

A survey of all premises falling within the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955/56 was completed by the end of the year and in some cases certain works had already been carried out to bring the premises up to the required standard.

There are four firms operating mobile vehicles in the area for the sale of greengrocery, groceries and provisions, and refreshments.

Fruit and vegetables are sold each week in Sevenoaks market, and from two stalls in the Market Square on Saturdays, whilst home produce is sold at the West Kent Market Stall each Friday.

There are no food factories in the District.

5. Unsold Food.

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:—

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat	2	7	2	—	—
Other food (including tinned meat) ...	—	3	1	27	—
	2	10	3	27	—

All condemned meat and offal at the Slaughterhouses is coloured with a naphthalene dye and disposed of under arrangements made by this Department with the owners of the Slaughterhouses.

All other condemned foods are disposed of by the Public Health Department.

6. Food Poisoning.

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

TONBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Supplies were sufficient throughout the year. The Mid-Kent Company's supply in the Capel and Paddock Wood Area showed a reduction in iron content following the installation of the Company's new filtration plant.

The supply and pressure in the High Street and Camden area of Pembury has improved since the installation of a booster plant.

The results of samples taken during the year were as follows:—

				Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	13	2
	Chemical	...	...	2	—
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	...	1	2
	Chemical	...	...	3	—

Number of dwelling houses supplied by public water mains:—

- (a) Direct to houses: 99%.
- (b) By means of stand-pipes: 12 houses are supplied from stand-pipes.

Name of Parish.	Proportion direct to houses.	Proportion by means of stand-pipes.
Bidborough	100 %	
Brenchley	99 %	6 houses
Paddock Wood	100 %	
Capel	97.2 %	6 houses
Lamberhurst	96 %	
Horsmonden	100 %	
Pembury	99 %	
Hadlow	97 %	
Speldhurst	98.74 %	
Hildenborough	100 %	

Lead service pipes are not in general use in the area. No cases of contamination were reported during the year.

Mains extensions carried out during the year were as follows:—

- Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company
(within Company's Statutory Area):
 - 529 yards of 4 inch dia. main ... Brookmead and Copse Road, Hildenborough.
 - 564 yards of 4 inch dia. main ... Little Hilden Farm Estate, Hildenborough.
 - 691 yards of 3 inch dia. main ... Little Hilden Farm Estate, Hildenborough.
 - 20 yards of 3 inch dia. main ... Riding Park, Hildenborough.
- Mid-Kent Water Company:
 - 127 yards of 3 inch main ... Brenchley.
 - 73 yards of 3 inch main ... Capel.
 - 385 yards of 3 inch main ... Hadlow.
 - 1,372 yards of 6 inch main ... Hadlow.
 - 1,028 yards of 3 inch main ... Horsmonden.

Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells:
Extension of water main from Harwarton Lane, Speldhurst.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

There were no sewerage or sewage disposal works constructed during the year, and no important additions or improvements were made to existing works.

Thirteen houses with pail closets were converted to W.C's with new drainage and disposal arrangements installed.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

There were no important changes made in the collection or disposal of refuse during the year.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	205
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	...	...	3,351
Informal Notices: Served	...	...	201
Complied with	...	...	171
Statutory Notices: Served	...	...	3
Complied with:			
(a) By owners	...	...	3
(b) By Local Authority in default	...	...	—
Legal Proceedings taken	...	...	Nil
Summary of Inspections and Visits by Public Health Inspectors during the year:—			
Housing	...	...	1,122
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	93
Swimming Pools	...	...	15
Hop-pickers' Camps	...	...	166
Knackers' Yards	...	...	4
Factory Acts	...	...	65
Shop Acts	...	...	173
Dairies	...	...	160
Ice-cream Premises	...	...	84
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	...	...	666
Bakehouses	...	...	20
Food Shops	...	...	94
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	21
Cafés, restaurants, canteens, hotel kitchens, etc.	...	...	116
Food Factories	...	...	18
Other Food Preparing Places	...	...	68
Infectious Disease visits	...	...	82
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	180
Licensed Premises	...	...	10
Movable Dwellings	...	...	94
Miscellaneous	...	...	100

5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Numbers of camps in District	...	...	...	...	...	70
Number of huts in District	...	...	...	...	...	3,357
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	...	...	...	...	...	10,500
Number of new huts erected during 1956	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1956	...	...	...	...	...	161

The standard of accommodation was generally satisfactory. Repairs to huts were completed before the season commenced. All camps are supplied with mains water.

Camp supervision and scavenging was good. Many of the camps inspected were found to have unoccupied huts which are no longer required.

The number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers) again shows a substantial reduction, there being 1,500 less than in the previous year.

6. Disinfestation.

Infestations were dealt with as follows:—

Ants 2, Flies 4, Mosquitoes 2, Beetles 5, Silver fish 1, Wasps 11,
Wood lice 1, Mites 1, Bugs 2, Bees 1, Cockroaches 3, Fleas 5.

7. Rats and Mice Destruction.

Number of complaints	...	...	...	...	...	166
Number of properties inspected for presence of rodents (including local authority, agricultural, private dwellings and business premises)	...	...	...	...	...	680
Number of properties found to be infested with rats	...	...	...	...	...	91
Number of properties found to be infested with mice	...	...	...	...	...	21
Total number of properties treated	...	...	...	...	...	112
Total number of visits in connection with treatments	...	...	...	...	...	541

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.**Part I of the Act.**

1.—Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	18	10	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	69	43	2	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	14	12	—	—
Total	101	65	2	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	1	1	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective...	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3	3	—	—	—

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work.	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (i)/(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	3	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper...	13	—	—	—	—	—
Lampshades	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	17	—	—	—	—	—

SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RETURNS MADE BY COUNCIL TO THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere.
Year ended 31st December, 1956.

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

In Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1936, and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954)	HOUSES DEMOLISHED	DISPLACED During Year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation ...	...	...	...
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc. ... ..	...	...	...
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 27, Housing Act, 1936 ... ..	...	...	...
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936	7	16	5

B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED.	Number		
(5) Under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936 and Sections 10 (1) and 11 (2), Local Government (Misc. Prov.) Act, 1953	7	29	8
(6) Under Sections 3 (1) and 3 (2), Housing Act, 1949 ... ..	...	...	...
(7) Parts of buildings closed under Section 12, Housing Act, 1936 ... ..	...	...	...

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(8) After informal action by Local Authority	140	...
(9) After formal notice under:		
(a) Public Health Acts	3	...
(b) Housing Act, 1936	2	...
(10) Under Section 5, Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 ... ..	...	...

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954).

Position at end of year	Number of Houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
(11) Retained for temporary accommodation:		
(a) Under Section 2
(b) Under Section 3
(c) Under Section 4
(12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 6

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT.

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of occupant of houses in column (1) (2)
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the year

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (HOUSING ACT, 1949):—

Number of applications for Improvements and Conversions approved	40
Total approved costs	£23,205
Total approved grants	£10,304

POST-WAR HOUSING. (Position at 31st December, 1956.)

				Completed.	Under construction.
Council—Permanent	...	...	...	848	22
Temporary	...	...	...	100	—
Hatton Housing Trust	...	...	...	78	—
Private—Permanent	...	...	...	692	105

CARAVANS.

(a) Number of applications received for sites to be licensed for use by movable dwellings	...	...	...	...	13
Number of licences granted	...	...	...	...	13
Total number of caravans allowed on these sites	...	...	...	...	22
(b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use movable dwellings	...	...	...	...	21
Number of licences granted	...	...	...	...	21

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

Number of registered distributors	...	...	...	...	18
Number of registered dairies (retail)	...	...	...	...	12
Number of licences granted:					
(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:					
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	11
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	5
(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949:					
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	29
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	7

The floor surfaces of two dairies were relaid during the year.

Milk Sampling.

			No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Tuberculin Tested"	...	...	19	1
"Pasteurised"	...	...	52	—
"T.T." (Pasteurised)	...	...	4	—
Five samples were submitted for biological examination:—				
"Tuberculin Tested"	...	5	No evidence of tuberculosis.	

2. Ice-cream.

Number of premises registered:					
(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b) For the sale of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	75
Results of samples taken:					
Grade I	...	...	...	...	47
Grade II	...	...	...	...	9
Grade III	...	...	...	...	1
Grade IV	...	...	...	...	1

. Slaughterhouses.

Number in District 7

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	762	175	379	1,360	6,067	...
Number inspected	762	175	379	1,360	6,067	...
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcasses condemned .....	...	...	1	2	3	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	38	10	...	40	109	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	4.9 %	5.7 %	0.3 %	3 %	1.8 %	...
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	5	...	...	1	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	18	27	...	...	47	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber- culosis	2.5 %	18.3 %	...	...	0.79 %	...
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrig- eration .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Generalised and totally condemned...	...	...	...	...	...	...

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District	No. of Visits	No. of faults and defects found	No. of faults and defects remedied
Cafés, restaurants and canteens.	48	116	7	6
Bakehouses	7	20	3	2
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 16 Food and Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream)	20	68	13	6
Food Stalls and Vehicles	6	21	4	3
Food Factories	2	18	1	1
Other Food Shops:				
Grocers and Provision Merchants...	70	77	18	11
Fishmongers and Fried Fish Shops	4	8	5	3
Confectioners and Fruiterers ...	11	11	5	2

Works were carried out at various food premises in the district to comply with the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955. Many café owners are now covering surfaces of tables, counters and bars with easily cleaned impervious materials.

One bakehouse was closed during the year. Faults of minor character were remedied in others, mainly redecoration of surfaces.

In other Food Stores, faults rectified under the Food and Hygiene Regulations were mainly provision of washing facilities, and repair of wall and floor surfaces.

As regards premises to which Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act applies, works have been completed in six cases and are in hand in seven others.

Two food factories in the District have carried out the necessary alterations required by the new Regulations.

5. Unsound Food.

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:—

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat	4	3	3	19	—
Other food (including tinned food) ...	3	4	2	21	17
	7	8	2	2	17

All unsound food other than butcher's meat is collected and disposed of by burial at the Council's refuse dump, Hadlow.

Offals and parts of carcasses condemned at Slaughterhouses are burnt or buried locally. Whole carcasses condemned are treated with Napthalene Green Dye and consigned to Knackers' Yards to be sterilised for subsequent sale as fertilizers or animal food.

6. Food Poisoning.

No notifications were received during the year.

TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

The Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company and the Mid-Kent Water Company supply this District. Supplies have been sufficient during the year and the quality as shown by bacteriological examination has been good.

The results of samples taken during the year were as follows:—

				Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	13	—
	Chemical	...	...	1	—
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	...	—	—
	Chemical	...	...	—	—

Approximately 99.5% of dwelling houses in Tonbridge Urban District are supplied by public water mains.

Early in June the Mid-Kent Water Company put their new filtration plant in operation. The object of this plant is the removal of iron from the water, thus preventing the brown discolouration which on occasions has been found in this supply. No complaints of discolouration have been received since this plant came into service and a chemical analysis of a sample taken in October showed a considerable reduction in the iron content.

Mains extensions carried out during the year were as follows:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company
(Within Company's Statutory Area).

36 yards 3 inch dia. main ... Norwich Avenue, Cage Farm Estate.
172 yards 6 inch dia. main ... Higham Lane.

Mid-Kent Water Company.

710 yards 4 inch dia. main ... Higham Lane.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

In 1956 further work was begun by the Council in the north east part of the town in extending sewers to serve the remaining part of the Higham Wood Estate. Similar work was done by private estate developers in the same area.

No new works of sewage disposal were undertaken during the year but the Council proceeded with their proposals for a new sewage disposal works for the town.

During the year a freak hail storm on August Bank Holiday caused flooding in the Priory Road, Alexander Road area and the Council's Engineer and Surveyor has since carried out extensive investigations into the soil and surface water sewerage systems in the south eastern area.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

The disposal of refuse became a very difficult problem during the year and the Council prepared a scheme to tip in Priory Wood with access from Vauxhall Lane. Pending agreement to this scheme tipping was undertaken on flood land, an expensive method of tipping, rendered possible only by the availability of top soil brought from works going on at the same time in the north east of the area.

Forty-three notices for dustbins were issued, owners or occupiers provided dustbins at 10 premises, while the Council provided dustbins at 145 premises under Public Health Act, 1936, Section 75 (3). Thirty-six dustbins supplied under the hire scheme were replaced during the year.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	257
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	...	...	3,230
Informal Notices: Served	...	...	201
Complied with	...	...	173
Statutory Notices: Served	...	...	1
Complied with:			
(a) By owners	...	...	—
(b) By Local Authority in default	...	...	1
Legal Proceedings taken	...	...	Nil

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Public Health Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	...	...	1,142
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	191
Swimming Pools	...	...	21
Hop-pickers' Camps	...	...	5
Offensive Trades	...	...	2
Factory Acts	...	...	99
Shop Acts	...	...	48
Petroleum Act	...	...	50
Dairies	...	...	18
Ice-cream Premises	...	...	29
Bakehouses	...	...	11
Food Shops	...	...	243
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	15
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchens, etc.	...	...	44
Other Food Preparing Places	...	...	11
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	57
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	445
Miscellaneous	...	...	799

5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of Camps in District	2
Number of huts in District	40
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	110
Number of new huts erected during 1956	-
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1956 ...	5
Conditions in the camps were generally satisfactory.	

6. Disinfestation.

The following infestations were dealt with:—
Bugs 10, Fleas 3, Flies 2, Rabbits 1, Beetles 1, Woodworm 1.

7. Rats and Mice Destruction.

	Rats	Mice
Number of Local Authority premises treated	16	8
Number of Dwelling-houses treated	117	88
Number of Agricultural premises treated	1	-
Number of other premises treated	5	15

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.
Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	16	7	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	101	80	5	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	9	12	—	—
Total	126	99	6	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective...	6	1	—	4	—
(c) Not separate for sexes...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	7	2	—	4	—

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work.	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out workers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (Making, etc.)	3	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper...	32	1	—	—	—	—
Total ...	35	1	—	—	—	—

SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RETURNS MADE BY COUNCIL TO THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere.
Year ended 31st December, 1956.

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

In Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1936, and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954)	HOUSES DEMOLISHED	DISPLACED During Year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	48	19
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 27, Housing Act, 1936
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal pro- cedure under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936

B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED.

	Number		
(5) Under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936 and Sections 10 (1) and 11 (2), Local Government (Misc. Prov.) Act, 1953	1	2	1
(6) Under Sections 3 (1) and 3 (2), Housing Act, 1949 ... ..	...	...	...
(7) Parts of buildings closed under Sec- tion 12, Housing Act, 1936 ... ..	...	...	...

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(8) After informal action by Local Authority	89	...
(9) After formal notice under:		
(a) Public Health Acts ... ..	...	...
(b) Housing Act, 1936 ... ..	...	1
(10) Under Section 5, Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 ... ..	...	...

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954).

Position at end of year	Number of Houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
(11) Retained for temporary accommodation:		
(a) Under Section 2
(b) Under Section 3
(c) Under Section 4
(12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 6

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT.

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in column (1) (2)
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the year

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (HOUSING ACT, 1949):—

Number of applications for Improvements and Conversions approved	5
Total approved costs	£2,788
Total approved grants	£1,281

POST-WAR HOUSING. (Position at 31st December, 1949.)

	Completed.	Under construction.
Council—Permanent	1,045	10
Temporary	—	—
Private—Permanent	360	35

CAMPS (Temporary Housing).

Number of huts occupied in hutted camps in the District at the 31st December, 1956:—

Somerhill Camp	67
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CARAVANS.

(a) Number of applications received for sites to be licensed for use by movable dwellings	} One site licensed in 1951	
Number of licences granted ...		
Total number of caravans allowed on these sites ...		45
(b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use movable dwellings		11
Number of licences granted		10

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

Number of registered distributors	...	...	...	...	...	27
Number of registered dairies (retail)	...	...	...	...	...	4

Number of licences granted:

(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:

(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	...	—

(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949:

(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Milk Sampling.

				No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Tuberculin Tested"	...	...		2	1
"Pasteurised"	...	...	...	5	—
"Sterilised"	...	...	...	1	—
"T.T." Pasteurised	...	...	...	2	—

2. Ice-cream.

Number of premises registered:

(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	2
(b) For the sale of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	66

Results of samples taken:

Grade I	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Grade II	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Grade III	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Grade IV	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Iced lollies—4 samples, all satisfactory.

3. Slaughterhouses.

There are no slaughterhouses in the District.

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District	No. of Visits	No. of faults and defects found	No. of faults and defects remedied
Cafés, restaurants and canteens,	26	44	4	3
Bakehouses	5	11	1	...
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 16 Food and Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream)	34	4	...	...
Food Stalls and Vehicles	6	15	5	1
Food Factories ... ..	...	...	...	...
Other Food Shops:				
Fried Fish Shops	4	6	1	...
Bakers and Confectioners	40	14	3	3
Butchers	15	25	1	1
Fishmongers	6	27	1	...
Grocers	56	67	1	1
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	19	32	1	...

As a result of the survey instituted under the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, two premises requiring considerable works received attention and in other premises minor works were carried out.

A shellfish stall was completely rebuilt and freshly painted.

Inspections under the Regulations are proceeding.

In the latter part of the year a barge moored in a local stream was equipped for the service of coffee and snacks.

5. Unsound Food.

The following food was condemned during the year:—

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat	—	2	—	9	—
Other food (including tinned food)	—	6	3	27	4
	—	9	—	8	4

The method of disposal of condemned food is by burial or animal feed under supervision.

6. Food Poisoning.

An outbreak of food poisoning affecting certain members of the staff and pupils of Sussex Road Primary School occurred on Thursday, 19th July, 1956. The majority of the cases were mild. The outbreak was considered to be due to the mid-day meal on the 19th July. The number at risk was 244, and 10 members of the staff and 46 pupils were involved. The onset of the symptoms in most cases was from five to six hours after the meal. Only the first course which consisted of salad with hard boiled eggs, grated cheese, rolls and margarine, was common to those affected. Various specimens were submitted for examination to the Public Health Laboratory but it did not prove possible to determine the cause of the outbreak.

SOUTHBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

The Southborough Urban District Council's Water Undertaking was taken over by the Corporation of the Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells, in April, 1956, under the Kent Water Act, 1955.

During the year the supply was sufficient and the quality of the water, after treatment, was generally satisfactory.

The results of samples taken during the year were as follows:—

				Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	35	8
	Chemical	...	...	9	—
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	...	1	3
	Chemical	...	...	—	—

Samples from a private supply of untreated spring water to certain properties in Powder Mill Lane taken at the end of the year were unsatisfactory. Works to the Collecting Chamber were carried out with improvement to the quality of the water and further sampling is being undertaken.

No cases of contamination with lead occurred.

All the dwellinghouses in the District, with the exception of six houses, are supplied with mains water.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

The major portion of the District is provided with main drainage.

No additions or improvements to existing drainage or new works were constructed during the year.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

No change or new development was made during the year in the collection and disposal of refuse.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	194
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	...	...	2,757
Informal Notices: Served	...	...	19
Complied with	...	...	13
Statutory Notices: Served	...	...	1
Complied with:			
(a) By owners	...	...	1
(b) By Local Authority in default	...	...	—
Legal proceedings taken	...	...	Nil

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Public Health Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,116
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	98
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Hop-pickers' Camps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Knackers' Yards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	194
Shop Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	78
Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Ice-cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	263
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	363
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchens, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
Food Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Other food preparing places	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	193
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	187

5. Disinfestation.

Eighteen premises were visited in connection with infestations, as follows:—

Cockroaches 3, Clover Mite 2, Fleas 3, Ants 6, Woodworm 4.

Gammexane was successfully used against cockroaches, clover mite and ants. The woodworm infestations were treated by twice spraying in late Spring with proprietary woodworm spray containing D.D.T. The fleas were cleared by residual spraying.

6. Rats and Mice Destruction.

Rats: No. of Local Authority premises treated	...	...	5
No. of Dwelling-house premises treated	...	...	77
No. of Agricultural premises treated	...	...	2
Business premises treated	...	...	2
Mice: No. of Local Authority premises treated	...	...	1
No. of Dwelling-house premises treated	...	...	21
No. of Business premises treated	...	...	3
No. of Agricultural premises treated	...	...	—

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.**Part I of the Act.**

1.—Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	47	95	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	25	33	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	24	66	—	—
Total	96	194	—	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	5	5	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	1	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	1	1	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	—	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	2	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	9	10	—	—	—

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out workers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Furniture and upholstery ...	1	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	2	—	—	—	—	—

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(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 27, Housing Act, 1936
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936	3	7	4

B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED.		Number		
(5) Under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936 and Sections 10 (1) and 11 (2), Local Government (Misc. Prov.) Act, 1953	6	12	4	
(6) Under Sections 3 (1) and 3 (2), Housing Act, 1949 ... ..	...	...	...
(7) Parts of buildings closed under Section 12, Housing Act, 1936 ... ..	...	...	...

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(8) After informal action by Local Authority	127	...
(9) After formal notice under:		
(a) Public Health Acts
(b) Housing Act, 1936
(10) Under Section 5, Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954

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Position at end of year	Number of Houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
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E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT.

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in column (1) (2)
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the year ...	12	18

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (HOUSING ACT, 1949):—

Number of applications for Improvements and Conversions approved	3
Total approved costs	£1,181
Total approved grants	£589

POST-WAR HOUSING. (Position at 31st December, 1956.)

				Completed.	Under construction.
Council—Permanent	...	...	...	405	18
Temporary	...	...	...	30	—
Private—Permanent	...	...	...	170	8

CARAVANS. (Public Health Act, 1936: Section 269.)

No. of applications received for sites to be licensed for use by movable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
No. of licences granted	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

Number of registered distributors	...	...	...	...	...	8
Number of registered dairies	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of licences granted:—						
(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:						
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	4
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	3
(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949:						
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	7
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	4

Milk Sampling.

			No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
“Tuberculin Tested”	...	...	3	—
“Pasteurised”	...	...	1	—

2. Ice-cream.

Number of premises registered:						
(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	...	—
(b) For the sale of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	...	25
Results of samples taken:—						
Grade I	...	...	...	...	...	20
Grade II	...	...	...	...	...	9
Grades III and IV	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

3. Slaughterhouses.

Number in District 1

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	45	16	40	41	3,130	...
Number inspected	45	16	40	41	3,130	...
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcasses condemned .....	...	1	...	...	13	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	5	...	7	81	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	6.6 %	37.5 %	...	19.5 %	3 %	...
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .....	...	...	...	...	45	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber- culosis .....	...	...	...	...	1.4 %	...
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrig- eration .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Generalised and totally condemned...	...	...	...	...	...	...

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District	No. of Visits	No. of faults and defects found	No. of faults and defects remedied
Cafés, restaurants and canteens ...	7	37	6	6
Bakehouses	4	23	5	5
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 16 Food and Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream)	10	38	2	2
Food Stalls and Vehicles	1	1	Nil	Nil
Food Factories	1	12	3	3
Other Food Shops:				
Fried Fish Shops	3	13	1	1
Greengrocers	16	32	3	3
Grocers	26	52	6	6
Fishmongers	4	7	Nil	Nil
Butchers	9	53	7	7
Bakers' Shops	6	26	3	3
Milk Shops	2	7	Nil	Nil
Chemists	3	3	Nil	Nil
Public-houses and Off-Licences ...	14	11	5	5
General Stores and Sweets	13	26	2	2

The systematic survey under the Food Hygiene Regulations is being carried out of all food premises.

Several butchers' shops were improved and structural improvements were made at a Food Factory and a Bakehouse.

5. Unsound Food.

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:—					
	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers meat	1	1	1	16	4
Other food (including tinned food) ...	—	—	1	11	4
	1	1	2	27	8

Condemned food is disposed of by burial on Council's Refuse Tip.

6. Food Poisoning.

There were no cases notified during 1956.

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